





## LATEST TELEGRAMS

This match was an extra event, the officers being coached by Dr. Pike and the Club men by Mr. Legge. The teams were composed as follows:

OFFICERS.	HONORABLE CLUIN.
Dr. Thompson, M.S.	Mr. S. Hughes
Edw. Brooker, 35th	Mr. H. McCollison
W. J. Law, 35th	Mr. J. H. Williams
Edw. Metcalfe, 35th	Mr. C. D. Bowles
Edw. Hiramwell, 35th	Mr. W. Atchison
W. J. Law, 35th	Mr. J. H. Williams
Capt. Bolton, 35th	Mr. W. B. Robertson
Miss Cockburn, Staff	Mr. E. W. Brown

The representatives of the Club appeared to be very taken aback and surprised when they were very soon dragged over the seven feet. The contest was for the best two of three pulls, however, and they had a second pull. This time the Club pulled the best of the seven feet, and they travelled in one way—towards the officers' side and they pulled it over the seven feet in 22 seconds.

Officers of the Garrison ..... 1

### SHANGHAI GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

The adjourned annual general meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held on the 5th inst., at the office, in Szechuen Road, Shanghai.

Mr. J. Kewick (Chairman of the Chamber) presided, and there were also present Messrs. W. J. Law, J. H. Williams, Dr. F. E. Hertz, J. Welch, G. C. Purdon, F. D. Bush, H. Hertz, J. Welch, C. Jentzen, J. M. Young, A. G. Wood, C. Hanemann, J. MacMorris, M. Adlam, J. H. Williams, Dr. F. E. Hertz, J. Welch, C. Jentzen, T. Wood, and G. H. Corner (Secretary).

The CHAIRMAN said—Gentlemen, this is the adjourned annual general meeting of the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce, which unfortunately was very much disturbed by the strike. In consequence of there not being a quorum present. There is now a quorum, and I think it will be well to commence the business of the meeting.

There have been four matters of importance before the Committee during the year 1885; but it seems likely that important matters will come before the incoming Committee, and so I shall not discuss them. The matters which have been dealt with during the past year have been very few and of passing importance. There were questions of wharfrage dues, of pilotage regulations, of after-hours permits, and a few other matters of a local character.

The incoming Committee will have a greater sphere of usefulness. Happily we meet on the present occasion at the annual meeting under much more favourable prospects than in the last year, when the strike had a very serious effect on the Chamber's commercial men's anxiety with regard to the prospects before them. Now, however, all that is passed. In August the treaty of peace was signed, and the Chamber has been very much raised, and now we have returned to our normal condition, confidence having been restored between Europeans and Chinese. Having remarked that there is little in the report to which I have to specially draw your attention, I will not detain you any longer before moving the adoption of the report. I am reminded that it is customary to read the notice calling the meeting.

Mr. CORNELL read the original notice calling the meeting for the 29th March, and also the notification of its adjournment till the 5th April.

The CHAIRMAN then moved: That the report be adopted.

Mr. A. G. WOOD seconded the motion, and it was carried.

The CHAIRMAN—The next resolution, gentlemen, is that the revenue of the Chamber is gradually falling off—chiefly, I think, in consequence of the income which we formerly derived from the Chamber's circular having greatly fallen off.

There has been an increase in the number of circulars issued by firms in Shanghai who consequently do not require the Chamber's circulars. This money may be some consolation to them, but it is not the Chamber's business to do with it on their behalf. I do not know what means could be adopted to improve the revenue from these sources, unless it be an effort made to get more and increase the number of circulars on the other hand, to get more members to join the Chamber. Whether that is likely to succeed or not I cannot tell; but I am very much afraid that I will not with some difficulty be able to increase our revenue from these sources.

I hope, however, that the Chamber, in order to maintain the revenue which is absolutely necessary, will use their utmost endeavours to get more and increase the number of circulars, and to increase the number of members.

I am not aware that there is anything else with regard to the accounts that I need draw your attention to. I have to say that the Chamber, when setting on behalf of the community in respect of the meeting held in September, 1884, has been refunded—about £1,700.

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"That the accounts, as presented, be passed."

Mr. LAYERS—I have much pleasure in seconding that resolution. Mr. Kewick has gone so far as to say that the Chamber is not doing so well as it should be, and I am very much impressed on you to make every endeavour to get new members of the Chamber, and to increase the circulation of the circular, that there is nothing more to be said.

Mr. CHAIRMAN, if there is any means of making the Circular more valuable? It is not subscribed for because it is not of such importance that it is necessary to take it. If it were of such importance, it would be of the Chamber's circular, it would be subscribed for more readily. It is always a question of supply and demand. If the circular was worth taking it would be taken.

Mr. HERTZ suggested that the Chamber would be brought to the notice of the incoming Committee.

The motion for the passing of the accounts was carried.

The CHAIRMAN intimated that the next business was the election of a Committee for the current year. Slips of papers containing the names of those who were willing to serve were handed out.

The CHAIRMAN said—While the votes are being counted we will proceed with any other business before the Chamber. You will all have seen of the meeting regarding the duties on tea, which appeared in the paper with regard to the duties on tea, under the letters K.O.Y. I think we have received a letter from Moser, Wolsch, Lewis & Co. which I will read to you, and which will show the position of the Chamber with regard to the question is likely to be of interest to the gentlemen present, they will perhaps, if prepared to do so, discuss the question in order that the incoming Committee may be able to report on the subject. The letter is as follows:—

Shanghai, 19th March, 1885.

GEO. R. CORNELL, Esq., Secretary,  
Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce.

DEAR SIR,—We shall be obliged if you will kindly give before the notice of your Committee the subject of the duties on tea, which is the subject of representing to the Ministers at Peking and to the Chinese Government the Chamber's views on one of our principal branches of commerce, and of pointing out to them the really increasing competition of the Chinese tea, which threatens to endanger the trade in China.

We should also be glad if you would select the Chamber to send representatives to Peking to the same effect.—We are, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

WATSON, LEWIS & CO.

Many thanks for the notice of your Committee on that, it will be of use to the Committee.

Mr. WELCH—Mr. Chairman, my chief objection to drawing the attention of the Committee to the question of the duties on tea was in the hope that the Chamber might be able to get the duties on tea to the position and prospects of the tea trade. From the memorandum which Sir Robert Hart sent to the Tsung-tsi Yamen there is apparently a great deal of knowledge on the subject of the tea trade, and I think it would be of interest to the Chamber to what is going on in the tea trade in any other country than China. The competition is getting keener every year, and the great demand in London for Chinese tea is increasing. The Chamber is not in a position to lighten or taken away altogether the demand cannot be supplied at the price now ruling in London. I think the Chamber should be able to get the duties on tea to the position and prospects of the tea trade. 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